

Amendment to Claims

This listing of Claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this Application.

Listing of Claims

Claim 1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A scheduling system for an MFP to provide provide scheduled readiness of the MFP, comprising:

an MFP having an EMail address associated therewith;

an EMail system for generating user EMAILS and transmitting the generated EMAILS;

a readiness specification which is contained in a user-generated EMail and which sets parameters controlling the readiness of the MFP;

an acknowledgment mechanism in the MFP for generating a reply EMail, indicating that the readiness specification has been received and entered; and
an error message generator in the MFP for generating a reply EMail indicating that the readiness specification has not been entered.

Claim2. (ORIGINAL) The system of claim 1 wherein the EMail system includes Microsoft Outlook™.

Claim 3. (ORIGINAL) The system of claim 1 wherein said readiness specification includes a starting command.

Claim 4. (ORIGINAL) The system of claim 3 wherein said starting command has the form:

mm/dd/yyyy hh:mm [am|pm] [repeat[daily|weekly|monthly|yearly]], which sets parameters for controlling the readiness of the MFP.

Claims 5 - 7, inclusive. CANCELLED

Claim 8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A scheduling system for an MFP to provide provide scheduled readiness of the MFP, comprising:

an MFP having an EMail address associated therewith;

an EMail system for generating user EMAILS and transmitting the generated EMAILS;

a readiness specification which is contained in a user-generated EMail and which sets parameters controlling the readiness of the MFP, including a starting command having the form: mm/dd/yyyy hh:mm [am|pm] [repeat[daily|weekly|monthly|yearly]];

an acknowledgment mechanism in the MFP for generating a reply EMail, indicating that the readiness specification has been received and entered; and
an error message generator in the MFP for generating a reply EMail indicating that the readiness specification has not been entered.

Claim 9. (ORIGINAL) The system of claim 8 wherein the EMail system includes Microsoft Outlook™.

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Claims 5 - 7, inclusive. CANCELLED

Claim 8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A scheduling system for an MFP to provide provide scheduled readiness of the MFP, comprising:

an MFP having an EMail address associated therewith;

an EMail system for generating user EMAILS and transmitting the generated EMAILS;

a readiness specification which is contained in a user-generated EMail and which sets parameters controlling the readiness of the MFP, including a starting command having the form: mm/dd/yyyy hh:mm [am|pm] [repeat[daily|weekly|monthly|yearly]];

an acknowledgment mechanism in the MFP for generating a reply EMail, indicating that the readiness specification has been received and entered; and

an error message generator in the MFP for generating a reply EMail indicating that the readiness specification has not been entered.

Claim 9. The system of claim 8 wherein the EMail system includes Microsoft Outlook™ .